



Dear RCS Families,

August 2021

Hello, and may my mid-summer update bring a blessing and encouragement to you and your family. In July, the most ambitious projects undertaken in five years began. Wow! I am excited for students, staff, families, and alumni to see and feel the impacts. A profound thank you is owed to our alumni donors and the St. Clair Flo Foundation. Their generosity made the improvements possible. A breakdown of the results or what is planned for each campus is captured below in pictures.

KVE— A gym makeover, refinished floors, wall padding, and RC interlocking logo at mid court. The exterior paint matches the rest of the campus. A power wash for the brick building is done. Thank you to Evergreen Pro Painting for making KVE pop!



RCMS/RCHS— The gym floor was pulled, a new floor-ordered, and the rock wall and two shipping containers were removed. Excitedly, the transformation allows us to host home games for volleyball and basketball. This fall, get ready to cheer at every home game!



Stand by for a call for help to install the new gym floor in late August through the first week of September.

MVE-New basketball backboards and hoops for the gym, interior gym painting, front-office makeover, bright lighting for teacher supply rooms, road work, and fresh bark chips for playgrounds. The completed progress for MVE—in pictures, will appear in the September letter.



LPPC—The demolition and removal of the unsafe and dilapidated structure make room for future capital improvements.



Through prayerful distribution of the resources, the improvements greet the new school year with fresh energy. The big question of the summer, however, is “What are the COVID guidelines to start the school year?” We are six weeks away from September 8. The concerns over children wearing masks and vaccinations remain polarizing topics. My roles, among many, are to keep the school doors open and

maintain a vibrant educational ministry. As of August 1, our 2021-22 Safe Reopen Plan mirrors last year's protocols. One change, a bright spot for students and teachers, is seeing the six-foot, social-distancing rule relaxed.

Kids enjoying school with their friends offer an ideal approach for learning. The dozens of interactions each day nurture social and emotional health, character formation, and a sense of belonging. That "togetherness" is critically important during their formative years. Therefore, keeping the school doors open remains a top priority.

In WA State, there are three entities with authority to close schools: the local health department, the state health department, and the Governor. The key points and explanation of our Safe Reopen Plan adhere to the Governor's July 27 mandate and the CDC's recommendations. With new data, I understand why health guidance shifts like a variable transmission. Therefore, version 1.0 of our Safe Reopen Plan may change before the start of the school year.

Key Points of RCS' Safe Reopen Plan v.1.0 for September 8th



In-person learning resumes. The remote option is discontinued.



A decision to vaccinate belongs to parent(s).



Masks or acceptable alternative are worn indoors by all (age 2 and older).



Daily screenings remain part RCS' multi-layered prevention strategy.



Masks are not required while outdoors.

An Explanation of the Key Points...

In-person learning: The ideal learning environment is in-person. RCS may return to an online model if necessary, but in-person learning is planned to begin the school year. Unless mandated, there is no plan to return to remote learning.

Vaccinations: A parent makes the decision whether or not to vaccinate their child. RCS encourages staff and families to get the shot(s), but does not require it.

Face Coverings Indoors: As noted earlier, face coverings remain the most divisive topic. RCS will align with the CDC recommendations and Governor's mandate for PreK-12th grade. Currently, all staff, students (over the age of two), and visitors—regardless of vaccination status, will mask up, or wear an acceptable alternative, e.g., face shield, while indoors.

The exceptions for not wearing a mask are:

- A person who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.). Discuss the possibility of reasonable accommodations for workers who are not fully vaccinated who are unable to wear or have difficulty wearing certain types of masks because of a disability.
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

Daily Screening: The daily-screening procedure, temperature checks upon arrival, continue. Each building administrator will provide specific details for their campus in subsequent communication. Please keep students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms—not attributable to allergies, at home.

Face Coverings Outdoors: No face coverings are required outdoors regardless of vaccination status.

Last year, when a positive test case surfaced, contact tracing proved to be a time-intensive and disruptive process. I expect less interference to the student cohorts compared to last year. Look for the final details and/or changes about starting the school year in my September letter. By late August, the principals/building leaders will share the specific protocols for their campuses in writing.

If you have any questions about our Safe Reopen Plan, please contact me directly, bruce.kelly@rainierchristian.org or 425-255-7273.

O.K., let's get back into the swing of summer. As a reminder, it is not too early to register for the RCS Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 18. The proceeds supports our athletics and sports-of-the mind teams. I want to thank our platinum sponsor, [Oak Harbor Freight Lines](http://OakHarborFreightLines.com), for securing the Washington National Course in Auburn. The full promotional details appear below.



Attention golfers! **Oak Harbor Freight Lines**, our Tournament Sponsor, spearheads the RCS Golf Tournament on Saturday, **September 18th** at Washington

A promotional poster for the Rainier Christian Mustang Golf Tournament. The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section lists sponsorship opportunities with their respective costs and benefits. The right section features the 'Sponsored By' logo for Oak Harbor Freight Lines, the tournament name 'RAINIER CHRISTIAN MUSTANG Golf Tournament', and a 'JOIN US!' section with the date, time, location, and contact information. A blue and white horse head logo is at the bottom right of the poster.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000 Tournament Sponsor
(4 Free golfers, large banner, 4 RCS sports passes, half-page yearbook page)

\$2,500 Dinner Sponsor
(4 Free golfers, banner, 2 RCS sports passes, quarter-page yearbook page)

\$2,500 Golf Cart Sponsor
(4 Free golfers, 2 RCS sports passes, eighth-page yearbook page)

\$1,000 Mustang Sponsor
(4 Free golfers)

\$200 Hole & Contest Sponsor
18x24" hole sign

\$100 Tee Box Sponsor
12x18" tee sign

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RAINIER CHRISTIAN MUSTANG
Golf Tournament

JOIN US!
September 18, 2021
1:30PM Shotgun Start
Washington National Golf Course
14500 SE Husky Way
Auburn, WA 98092
For more info, contact:
Joseph.c.pottelive.com

National. Sign up today to secure a spot in the shotgun start by clicking on [Golf RCS!](http://GolfRCS.com) Business owners, advertise your products or services through a variety of [promotional options](#) to reach our learning community and guests.

The registration form, shown at right, is also hyperlinked. Click anywhere on the image to open a new registration form. Washington National is a fantastic venue, and it is a fun way to support RCS athletics and sports-of-the-mind teams. For more information about sponsorships or the tournament, please contact alumni parent, Joe Pratt, Joseph.C.Pratt@live.com



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2021 Golf Tournament Registration

Register early to ensure your spot. Includes golf cart, range balls and dinner. Awards given at dinner for team scores and contests. Check-in and Putting Contest begin at noon.

Saturday, September 18, 2021
Washington National Golf Course - 14330 SE Husky Way, Auburn, WA 98002

Contact Person: First Name Last Name
Email: example@example.com
Phone Number: Area Code Phone Number

Registration
• Early Bird Registration (Before August 18): \$125.00
Number of Player: 1
Item subtotal: \$125.00
• Registration (After August 18): \$150.00
Number of Player: 1
Total: \$125.00

Credit Card
First Name: Last Name:
Credit Card Number: Security Code:
Expiration Month: Expiration Year:

Billing Address
Street Address:
Street Address Line 2:
City: State / Province: Please Select
Postal / Zip Code: Country:

Player One
Full Name: Email Address: Average Score:
Player Two
Full Name: Email Address: Average Score:
Player Three
Full Name: Email Address: Average Score:

In closing, I bumped into a quote from St. Augustine, the fourth-century bishop and theologian. His insight sparked a savvy approach to study and apply God’s Word. Augustine suggested a way to check or double-check whether you understand the Bible. “If you read it right, he said, it would produce a “double love of God and of neighbor.” Augustine’s way of pointing back to Jesus in Mark 12:28-31 inspired me.

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

At Rainier Christian, a child’s heart, soul, mind, and strength squares with our mission statement, “To educate and develop the whole child for the glory of God.”

I translated the idea into a prayer, “For your glory Lord, may our lives be characterized

by that type of love.” Thank you for choosing Rainier Christian Schools. May God bless you and your family throughout the remainder of the summer.

My best,

Bruce Kelly

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